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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF EMBASSY ECON/COMM LOCAL

SHER MUHAMMAD

1. AS INFORMAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH DEPT (NEA/PAB) HAS ALREADY INDICATED, EMB BELIEVES IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL FOR OUR CHIEF ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL LOCAL EMPLOYEE, SHER MUHAMMAD, TO VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C., AND CONSULT WITH VARIOUS U.S. AGENCIES. SHER MUHAMMAD HANDLES MOST OF THE DETAILS AND CONTACT WORK FOR THE SCIENCE PROGRAM HERE AS WELL AS SERVING AS THE LOCAL IN CHARGE OF OUR TRADE PROMOTION EFFORTS IN ISLAMABAD. THE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO MEET AND CONSULT WITH WASHINGTON OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE PROGRAMS WOULD BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE TO OUR WORK HERE AND, WE BELIEVE, HELPFUL FOR CONCERNED WASHINGTON AGENCIES AS WELL.
2. DR. RONKIN, MANAGER, SFC PROGRAM, NSF, INDICATED WHEN HE VISITED HERE THAT HIS AGENCY WOULD BE WILLING TO ARRANGE AN ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR SHER MUHAMMAD IN THE U.S., AND DR. MCCAVITT OF HEW SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICE MENTIONED AS SIMILAR PROGRAM. BOTH INDICATED INFORMALLY THAT THEIR AGENCIES MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHARE THE COSTS OF SUCH A PROGRAM (RUPEE-FUNDED TRAVEL AND PER DIEM WHILE IN THE U.S.). WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE DEPT OF COMMERCE MIGHT BE WILLING TO PAY A FEW DAYS' PER DIEM SO THAT THE TRIP MIGHT INCLUDE ORIENTATION AT COMMERCE AS WELL.

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3. OTHER AGENCIES WHICH WE THINK SHER MUHAMMAD MIGHT

USEFULLY VISIT, IF THEY ARE NOT ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE ORIENTATION PROGRAMS MENTIONED ABOVE, ARE THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH, (NIH, HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, EPA (BARTSCH AND OAKLEY), AND THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION (COERR). SOME TRAVEL WITHIN THE U.S., TO FAMILIARIZE SHER MUHAMMAD WITH U.S. BUSINESS CONDITIONS AND SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS, WOULD ALSO BE PROFITABLE. THIS MIGHT INCLUDE A STOP AT A USDOC DISTRICT OFFICE.

4. IT WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT FOR BOTH SHER MUHAMMAD AND THE EMB IF THE TRIP COULD BE ARRANGED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN FY/76 (WE HAVE IN MIND THE PERIOD 7 JULY-16 AUGUST). SINCE THE TIME IS GETTING SHORT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY DECISION.  
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